

MEETING NOTES

UTAH SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND ANTI-VIOLENCE (USAAV) COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, June 28, 2000

12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

State Capitol Building - Room 403

Present: Bill Afeaki, Meredith Alden, Camille Anthony, Dan Becker, Dick Melton proxy for Rod Betit, Camille Cain, Merrill Carter, Gary Cox, Craig Dearden, Pat Fleming, Verne Larsen, James Mason, Harold Morrill, Mary Phillips, Reed Richards, JoAnn Seghini and Sherm Watkins

Excused: Gary Dalton, Mont Evans, Jan Graham, Pete Haun, Kris Knowlton, Steve Laing, Jane Piercey, Scott Reed, Diane Stuart and Karen Watkins

Visitors: Justin Jones and Jack Tanner

Staff: Mary Lou Emerson and Diane Ngatuvai

Agenda Item: Welcome and Approval of Meeting Notes

Chair James Mason welcomed all present. *A motion was made by Craig Dearden to approve the meeting notes of the April 26, 2000 meeting. The motion was seconded by Harold Morrill and passed unanimously.*

Agenda Item: Special Presentation

Dr. Mason explained that Mary Lou Emerson has accepted a new position as Assistant Director with the Utah Division of Substance Abuse. He expressed his gratitude to Mary Lou for her ten years of dedicated hard work in the field of substance abuse. Camille presented Mary Lou with a painting from the Council. Mary Lou thanked everyone involved.

Agenda Item: Alcohol Funds Reports: USAAV Vote on Suspension of Funds

The passage of H.B. 18, "Funding Formula for Alcohol Offenses Enforcement" by the 1999 Utah Legislature requires all municipalities and counties to submit an annual report to the USAAV Council regarding their use of the liquor control profits and beer excise tax proceeds that are transferred to them annually by the Utah State Tax Commission. In cases where the local governments do not submit an annual report, the USAAV Council has the option to suspend the payment of future funds to the municipality or county, to put the unused funds up for bid and to award them by a majority vote. A phone call has been to those that have not responded. Mary Lou distributed a handout listing all of the cities, counties and towns that have not sent in their report as yet. Dr. Mason emphasized that no one would like to see the money withheld from the cities, however, there is an oversight responsibility. First, the quantity end of it by accumulating all of the reports; and then quality - making sure that the money is being used for the correct purpose intended. *A motion was made by Harold Morrill to ratify the decision of the Executive Committee to withhold the funds for one year of those that have not submitted reports, and to notify them in writing as to how they can access their funds. The motion was seconded by Representative Gary Cox and carried unanimously.*

There was a lengthy discussion regarding how to distribute the funds more evenly to the rural communities. *Harold Morrill made a motion to appoint the Justice Committee to review the budget formula and address the distribution of money for reports not received and prepare legislation for the 2001 Legislative Session. The motion was seconded by Merrill Carter. The committee approved the motion unanimously.* Reed Richards agreed to report back to the full Council during the August meeting regarding their progress.

Agenda Item: Status Report on Utah Grant Proposal: National Youth Substance Abuse Prevention Initiative

Pat Fleming reported that the RFP for the three year \$3 million in federal money to implement risk and protective factor based prevention services statewide has been signed by Governor Leavitt and submitted. They will know if they have been awarded the grant by mid-July. The USAAV Council will act as the Advisory Steering Committee for this grant.

Agenda Item: 2001-2001 USAAV Annual Report: Proposed Priority Worksheet

Mary Lou explained that the four committees need to submit their priorities for the upcoming legislative session. Camille Anthony suggested that the budget priorities would need to be in by August if they want to have a chance of being included in the Governor's budget proposal. Camille suggested focusing on one or two issues as a Council and asking that each committee center their legislative recommendations around those specific issues. Dan Becker reported that the Judicial Council has formed a standing committee on children and family law. One of the issues that they're examining now is protective order legislation. Reed suggested that the Council gather together individuals from the Domestic Violence Advisory Council, divorce attorneys, prosecution attorneys and judges for a short report to the Council in August regarding their perspective of the protective order legislation.. The Council could determine from there if this is an issue to take on as well. Pat noted that the owners of "Club Axis" reported in the Justice and Judiciary Committees on the serious issue of GHB and GBL (designer club drugs) that have fatal elements in them. It was agreed that this group should be invited to give this same presentation to the Council at the next meeting. *Harold Morrill made a motion that the USAAV Council identify methamphetamine use as their number one priority along with domestic violence and club drugs (GHB, GBL), and that the four committees relate their recommendations to these issues. JoAnne Seghini seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.*